

13th March 1928]

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have received any petition from the ryots for postponing the collection of revenue of fasli 1337 ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am not perfectly sure. I think such petitions were received and sent to the Collector for report."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if the Government are aware that there are areas in Bellary where the crop has been less than 4 annas and whether the Government contemplate suspension of land revenue this year."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Government are not aware, Sir."

Loans

Reduction of the rate of interest on agricultural loans.

* 1695 Q.—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the progress made in the investigation promised by him of the question relating to the reduction of the rate of interest to 5 per cent on loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agricultural Loans Act recommended by the Legislative Council in the resolution passed at its meeting on 24th January 1928 ?

A.—The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue.

Season

Cyclone havoc in Cuddapah district.

* 1696 Q.—K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what was the amount of the property lost as a result of the recent cyclone havoc in the district of Cuddapah ;

(b) what is the estimated damage caused to the property of Muham-madans in Cuddapah ;

(c) whether Government have given them any relief ; and

(d) if so, what is the nature of relief given ?

A.—(a) The amount of property lost is as given below :—

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Livestock	78,049
Damages to houses	50,000

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have not got separate information for different castes or religions. The measures of relief taken by Government were to make free grants of building materials to poor persons and to make small grants of money to relieve immediate want till people could get to work again.